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## North Face Gets Huge Counterfeiting Judgment

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VF Outdoor, maker of The **North Face** outerwear and equipment, announced that TNF was awarded a million-dollar judgment by the US District Court for the Southern District of New York vs Nabil Saleh, Ibrahim Saleh and Toufic Saleh, who, through a variety of corporate aliases, including #1 Spot of NY, Broadway Outlet, TriStar Wholesale, F&H Fabric Enterprise and BARE USA, formed and operated a counterfeiting enterprise that sold counterfeit jackets bearing TNF trademarks to wholesalers and retailers throughout New York City and the rest of the US.

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TNF first learned of the Salehs' counterfeiting operations late in 2003 while investigating the source of counterfeit jackets bearing TNF trademarks, many of which TNF had seized, pursuant to a federal court order, from multiple locations of the Reliance Department store chain in New York City right before Thanksgiving of that year.

TNF's investigation led to the discovery and confiscation of thousands of additional counterfeit jackets from Salehs' various entities as well as from Classic Closeouts a/k/a Internet Value Group, a Cedarhurst, NY company with an online retail store at [www.classiccloseouts.com](http://www.classiccloseouts.com), as well as from deal.com, a Wisconsin-based online auction site all of which are believed to have originated

with the Salehs.

In addition, TNF confiscated invoices and other documents showing sales of the same jackets by Salehs' codefendants, Chic Lady, Ltd, SABS II, Inc, Nassiri, Inc., Lenny Felman, Beged 101, Inc., Jason Malakan, Haber International Import Export, Ltd, Isaac Haber, Desit and Morris Bouskila, against many of whom TNF had earlier settled, obtaining permanent injunctions and money damages of more than \$40,000.

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The **North Face** obtained preliminary injunctions against the Salehs and then moved for summary judgment on its claims for trademark counterfeiting and infringement. After months of briefing, Judge Barbara S. Jones of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York granted The **North Face**'s motion for summary judgment, awarding The **North Face** a \$1,000,000 judgment, plus reasonable attorneys' fees, against the Salehs, against whom the Court also entered a permanent injunction. The **North Face** had obtained an order freezing certain of the Salehs' bank accounts much earlier in the litigation process and those proceeds will now go to satisfy the judgment.

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